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BOOK REVIEWS.

The Lawyers' Reports, Annotated—New Series. Book 10. Burdett A. Rich—Henry P. Farnham, Editors. Rochester, N. Y. The Lawyers Co-Operative Publishing Company. 1907. Price \$4.00.

This volume adds another to the debts that the profession owes the editors and publishers. The cases reported show the catholicity, as well as the good judgment, of the editors and the notes are full and excellent in every way. Peculiarly interesting is the very complete note to *Graves v. Graves*, p. 216, on the question of "Perjury as ground for relief against judgment," which may well be taken as a fair sample of the work. Each point bearing on this question, from a legal, as well as equitable standpoint, quoting alike statutory and common law decisions, is well set out. And in *Galveston, etc., v. Currie, etc.*, p. 367, the note on "Liability of master for injury done by servants to third person in use of dangerous agency placed in his custody," the note rises almost to the dignity of a learned treatise on the subject. And the same may be said of the note to *Broadstreet v. Hall*, p. 933—"Parents' liability for torts of minor child." We can see only continued improvement in each new volume of this series.

A Supplement to a Treatise on the system of evidence in Trials at Common Law, containing the Statutes and Judicial Decisions, 1904-1907. By John Henry Wigmore, Boston. Little, Brown & Co. 1908. Price \$6.00.

The four volumes of Professor Wigmore's excellent work on Evidence are now almost to be ranked as amongst the classics. It has steadily grown in the estimation of the profession and courts and is probably today the leading modern work on the subject. The present volume is a supplement in which all of the recent decisions of the courts and the late statutes are cited and treated of in such a manner that any one referring to the new volume can see at a glance everything which has been added to the law. Thus the Law of Evidence is brought down to date and some new matter is added which completes the great usefulness of this work. A part of this book is an encyclopedic index, which combined with the new and very generally full index, enables the searcher for any given point to find it with readiness and completeness. We do not believe that there is today any law book upon the subject which is as complete and satisfactory as the present work.

The American and English Annotated Cases—containing the important cases selected from the current American, Canadian and English Reports. Thoroughly Annotated. Edited by William M. McKinney, David S. Garland and H. Noyes Greene. Vol. VII. Edward Thompson Company, Northport, L. I., New York. 1907. Price \$5.00.

The value of this series grows with each volume. The notes which are appended to every case are full and carefully prepared, and the cases themselves well selected and bearing upon live and important topics. The field of selection, widened by the admission of English and Canadian cases, gives a larger scope to the ability of the editors. In the present volume we have had occasion to examine with some degree of unusual care the notes upon the "Validity and Effect of a Devise over after Life Estate with Power of Disposition," page 953,

and "Who Is a Fugitive from Justice within Purview of Interstate Extradition Laws," page 1076, and upon the "Rights of Cestui que Trust as to Trust Property Mingled with That of Insolvent Trustee," page 558. We have found them in every way satisfactory and we have noted with much pleasure the frequency with which Virginia cases are cited. The cumulative index to notes is a valuable feature.

The Code of West Virginia. Supplement 1907; containing the Amendments to the Code of West Virginia and other laws of a general and permanent nature enacted by the Legislature in 1907, with historical and explanatory notes to prior statutes and full and complete notes of all applicable decisions. Compiled by members of the editorial staff of the National Reporter System. St. Paul, Minn. West Publishing Company. 1907. Price, in law buckram or sheep, \$3.50, delivered.

Lord Coke is said to have said that were one to ask him a question concerning the Common Law and he could not answer it, he would be much ashamed, but if he were asked a question of Statute law he would not feel at all abashed if he knew nothing of it. If Lord Coke lived today with codes as carefully prepared as many of them now are, he might be persuaded to change his sentence; for if one can easily find the law, he need not know it, and no one can ever be expected to know all the statutes ground out year after year by industrious law makers and law tinkers. This admirable supplement to the West Virginia Code enables the practitioner to find almost at a glance the condition of the laws of West Virginia, so far as they have been amended or modified during the year 1907, and new legislation is inserted at its proper place, so as to show at what place it should come in the Code proper. Where the Supreme Court has cited or continued an act, this fact is shown clearly.

The work is excellent and we should say absolutely necessary to every up-to-date practitioner in the West Virginia Courts.

Street Railway Reports Annotated—reporting the Electric Railway and Street Railway Decisions of the State and Federal Courts in the United States, with combined index to notes in Volumes 1-4 (inclusive), edited by Frank B. Gilbert, Melvin Bender and Harold J. Hinman of the Albany Bar. Vol. IV. Albany, N. Y. Matthew Bender & Co. Price for the entire set \$20.00.

This volume of 1273 pages, contains 385 cases and 128 notes—many monographic and filling several pages. The selections in the present volume—the only one of the set we have seen—seem to be carefully made and the notes are quite complete and show good editing. For practitioners in any city or county where street railways are used, the work will place adjudicated cases in an easily handled shape and prove a great saver of time in the examination of questions which arise in connection with such railways.